Before The Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of)
)
Petition For Rulemaking)
To Amend FM Broadcast Service)
Rules To Create 3 New Classes)
Of Low Power Stations)

To: The Commission

SUPPORTING COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY PUBLIC RADIO, INC.

- 1. Before the Commission is the above referenced petition which seeks to move the Commission to add three new classes of so called "low power" FM station.
- 2. Community Public Radio, Inc. ("Community"), hereby submits its comments in support of the proposal.
- 3. That there is a need for a "low power" FM service is beyond question. The Commission admits to receiving in excess of 13,000 inquires each year. $^{/1}$
- 4. Community believes the proposed new "low power" FM radio service will deliver on its promise to remove the barriers to new entrants to radio station ownership and foster a diversity of media hitherto unattainable.
- 5. Community concurs with the Petitioner that the proposed "low power" FM service would be an efficient use of the FM band.

^A "The Commission receives many inquiries annually (over 13,000 per year!) from individuals and groups wishing to start a "low power" or "micro power" radio station for local broadcasts (AM or FM)." Low Power Broadcast Radio Stations, FCC Website

WHEREFORE, Community respectfully requests that the Commission institute rulemaking proceedings to establish a new "low power" FM service as proposed by Petitioner.

Respectfully submitted Community Public Radio, Inc.

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